



The Aging and Disability Resource Center Program (ADRC) is a collaborative effort of the:

- U.S. Administration for Community Living (ACL)
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)





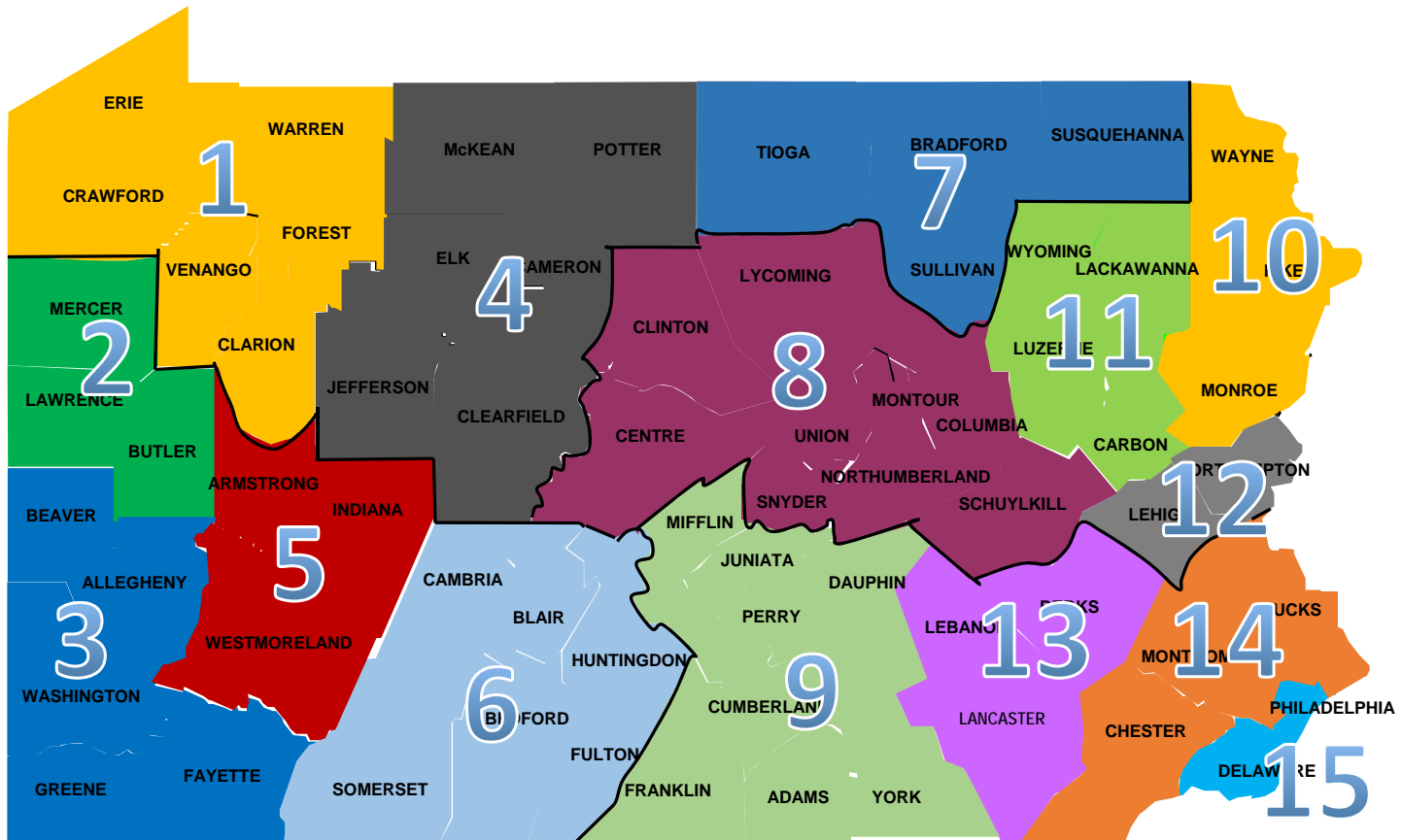
## Pennsylvania LINK History...

- 2003 grant (Allegheny and Cumberland LINKs were free standing)
- 2008-2009 began to establish decentralized LINKs
- Pennsylvania LINK came to the Lehigh Valley in 2010 to provide information and linkages to long-term care service and supports for people over 60 and adults with disabilities.



- Began with “LINK” in every County
- Lehigh-Northampton LINK in existence since 2010
- July 2014 LINKs restructured to provide better coordination
- Now 15 LINKs throughout PA (serve all 52 AAA’s and cover 67 counties)

# 4 Regions 15 Service Areas



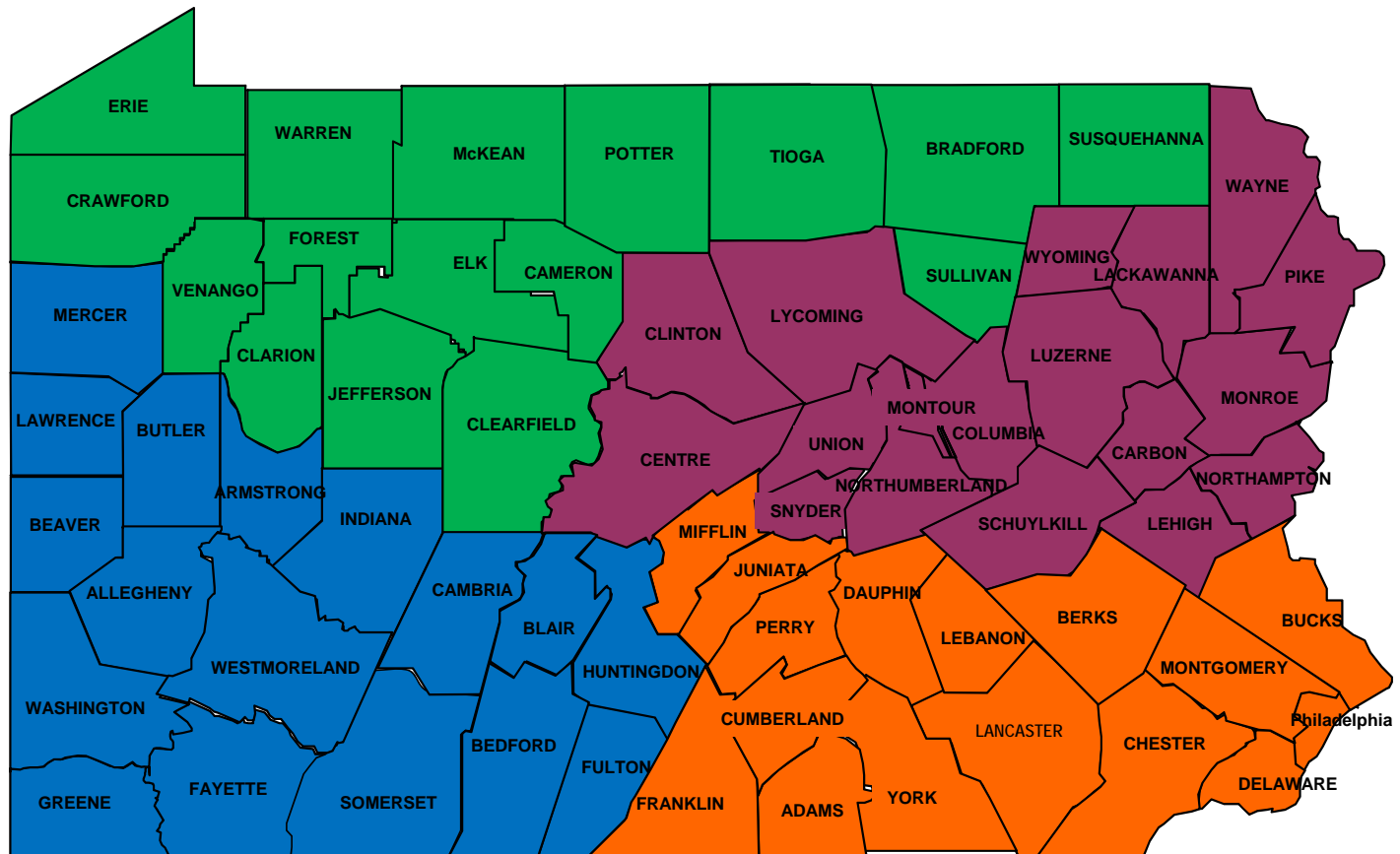
## Regions

NORTH WEST

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## LINKs work together to...

- Improve access to long-term care supports through a network of partners
- Promote consumer directed decision making
- Enhance efficiency and quality of service



- LINK to Aging and Disability Resources is designed to be a coordinated network of partner agencies to allow consumers to initiate contact with any LINK Network partner and experience the same intake to access information, assistance, and resources.
- A consumer should directly or seamlessly be connected to the information and services needed, no matter the initial point of entry into the system.
- The “no wrong door” approach attempts to minimize duplication of efforts by consumer and providers.





Goal is to provide information and education to have a “no wrong door” entry point to programs and services.



PA Link Partner Agencies Assist All Individuals regardless of Age, Income or Disability through:

- Person Centered Planning/Options Counseling
- Person Centered Transition Support
- Benefits Counseling & Application Assistance
- Information, Referral & Awareness
- Cross Training of Partner Agency Staff
- Education & Community Outreach

## How we educate the community and providers:

- Provide speakers and trainings
- Networking
- Share information and resources
- Hold workshops for organizations and folks in the community

## Some outreach to date....

- Participated in AARP Caregiving Forum
- PHFA 2014 Housing Services Conference
- Fall Prevention Awareness
- Harvest Full of Hope Conference
- Medicare Part D open enrollment

## Workshops.....

- Older Americans Month activities
- Providing Inclusive and Welcoming Services for LGBT Older Adults
- Emergency Survival Skills for Older Adults and Persons with Disabilities
- Aging with Dignity – Creating Welcoming Services for LGBT Adults
- Emergency Planning and Partnership Workshop



Individuals looking for programs and services...

Call the Statewide toll free number

**1-800-753-8827**



# How can you become involved?

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